

**REMARKS**

This US national phase application claims priority from PCT/DE03/02934 filed on September 4, 2003 and German application no. 102 44 571.0 filed on September 25, 2002.

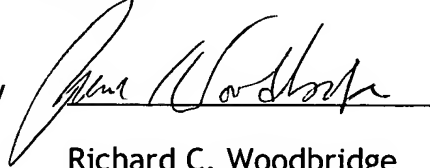
The U.S. Patent Office is hereby requested to examine the application as amended. The amendments to the specification were made to include the priority information and to bring the specification into acceptable U.S. Patent Office format. The amendment to claim 3 was made to remove the multiple dependency. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments.

If the patent examiner has any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below so that additional amendments may be added as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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